

## Paul, His Life and Teachings Paul's Theology The Law

#### Lesson 22

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## **Thanks to Charles Mickey!**

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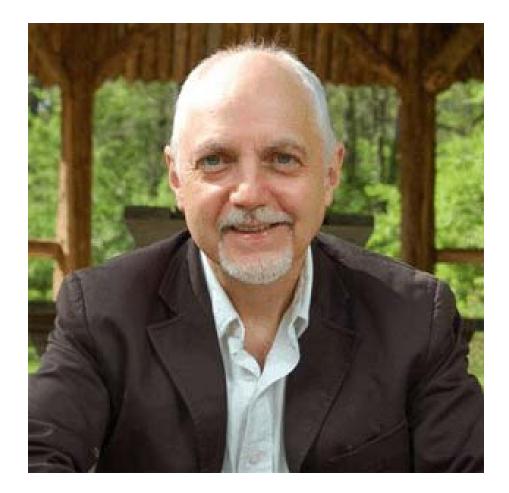
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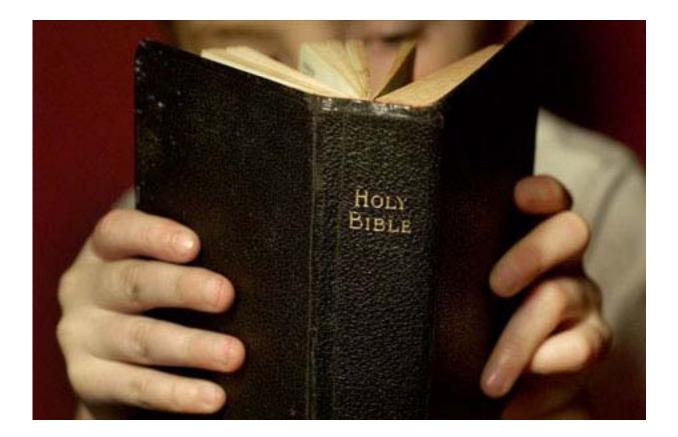
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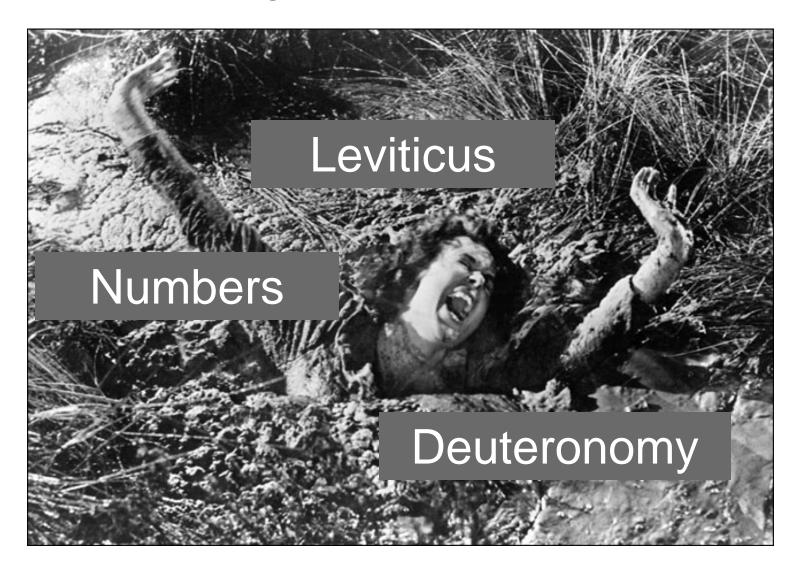




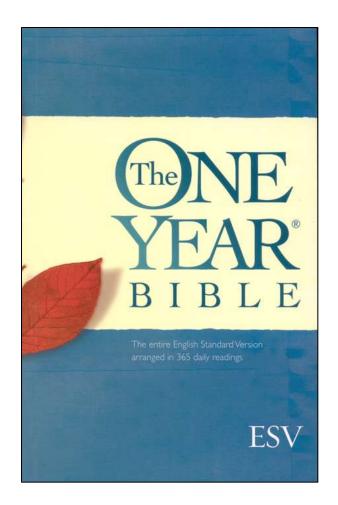
# Have you ever tried to read the Bible cover to cover?



### Read through the Bible quicksand



# When you decide to read through the Bible:



# Our goals - What does Paul say about the law as it applies to:







#### Christian

Church

#### Country

First we must dig deep into the question: What is the Law?

## "I am the law"

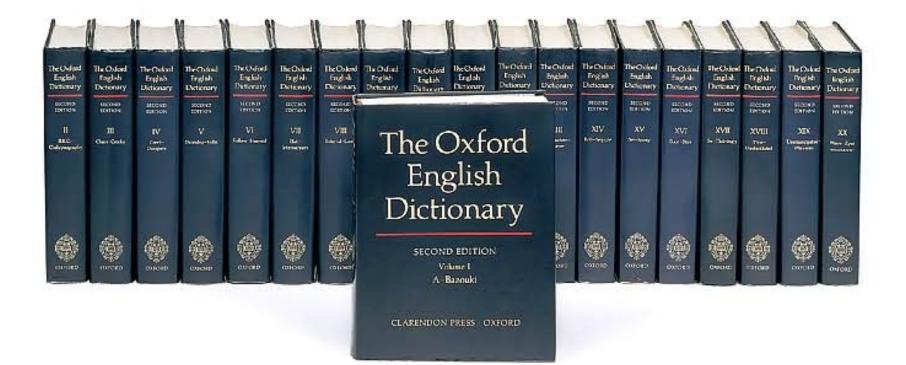


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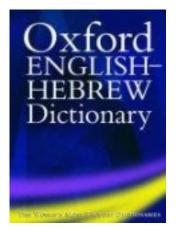
## In English, "law" can be quite broad



Six Pages!

## For most, the "law" is a code or set of rules to live by





#### The word translated "law" is "*Torah*"

#### The core meaning is "instruction"

#### "Instruction" is broader than "rule"

Hebrew Bible

Torah "Law"

Nevi'im "Prophets" Ketuvim "Other writings"

#### "Instruction" is broader than "rule"

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Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy



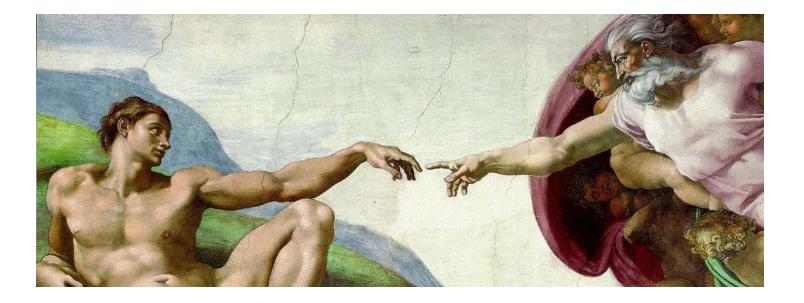
So the Hebrew "Torah" law included stories!

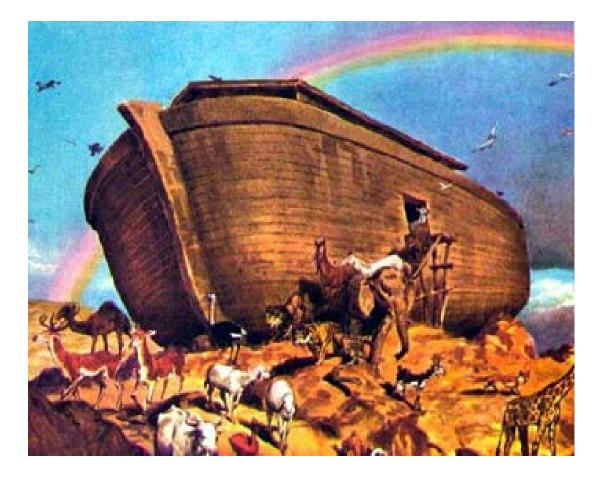
## The stories were also "instructions"

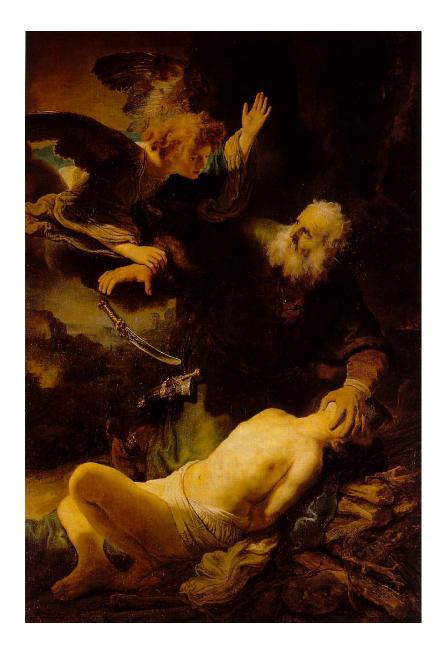
### A word on Old Testament studies and our approach

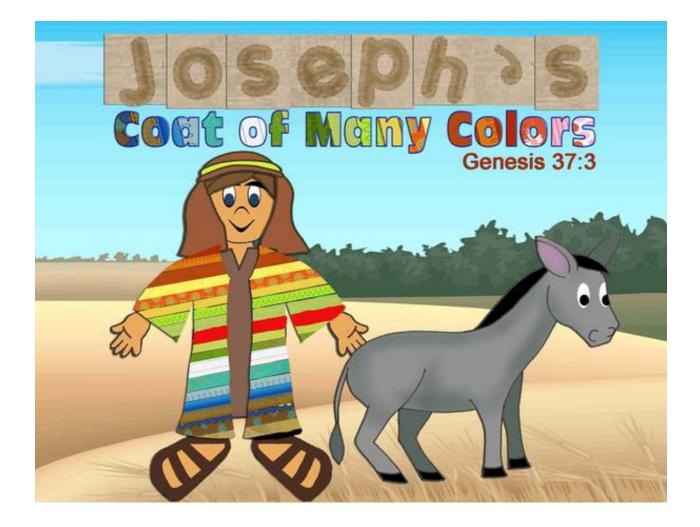
## Let us examine the Old Testament Torah











## Exodus



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Israel is called into "covenant"

## Exodus -- called into "covenant"

1. God's act of divine grace

"You yourselves have seen ... how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself" (Ex. 19:4)

## Exodus -- called into "covenant"

1. God's act of divine grace

2. Israel's response of obedience

"Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant..." (Ex. 19:5)

## Exodus -- called into "covenant"

"If you will indeed obey my voice... you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples... you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Ex. 19:5-6)

3. Resulting blessings

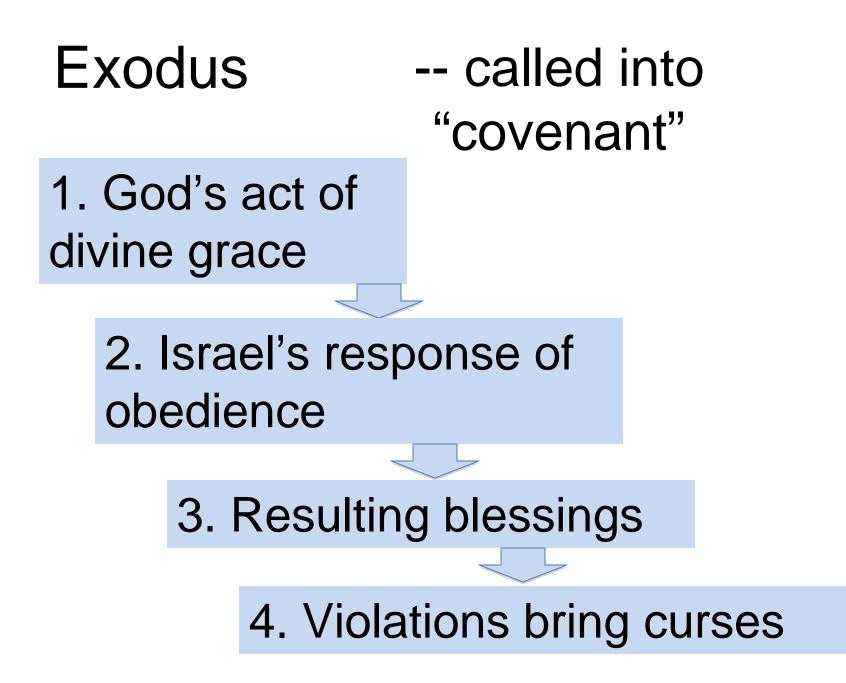
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1. God's act of divine grace

"When the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin" (Ex. 32:30-35 (NIV)

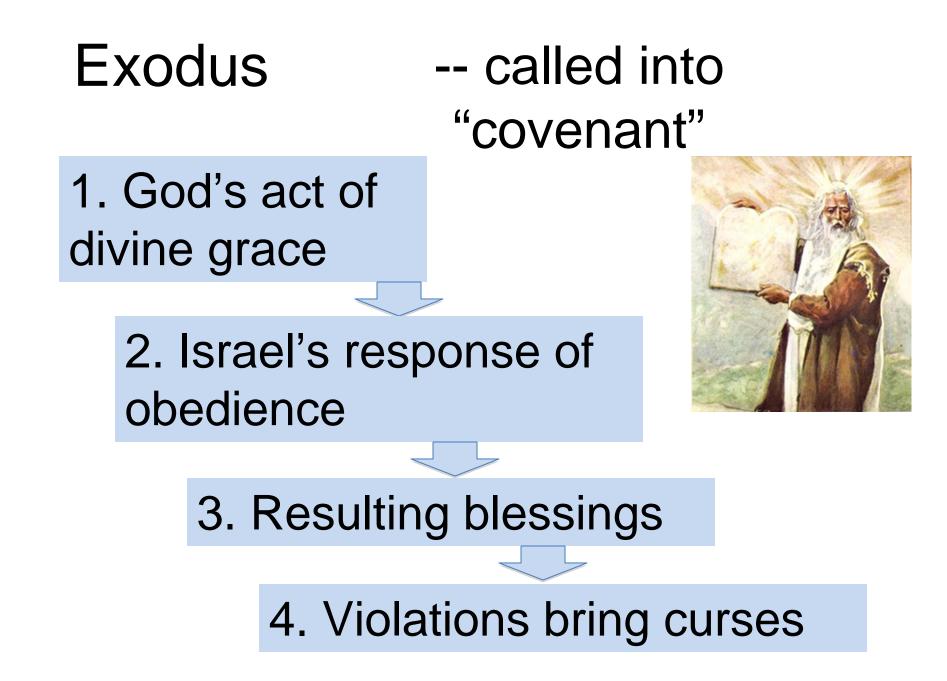
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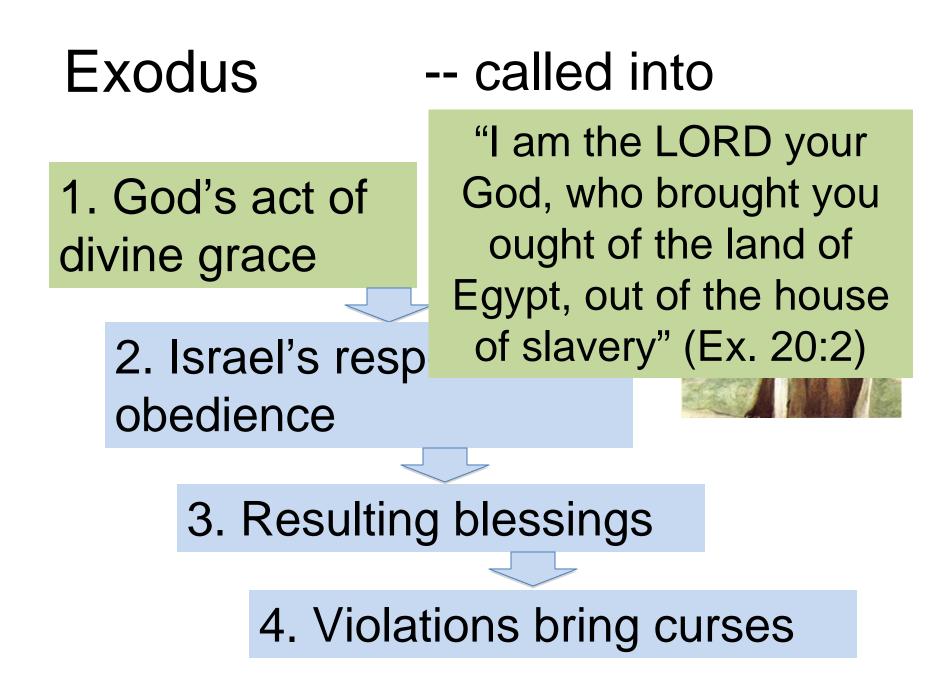
4. Violations bring curses

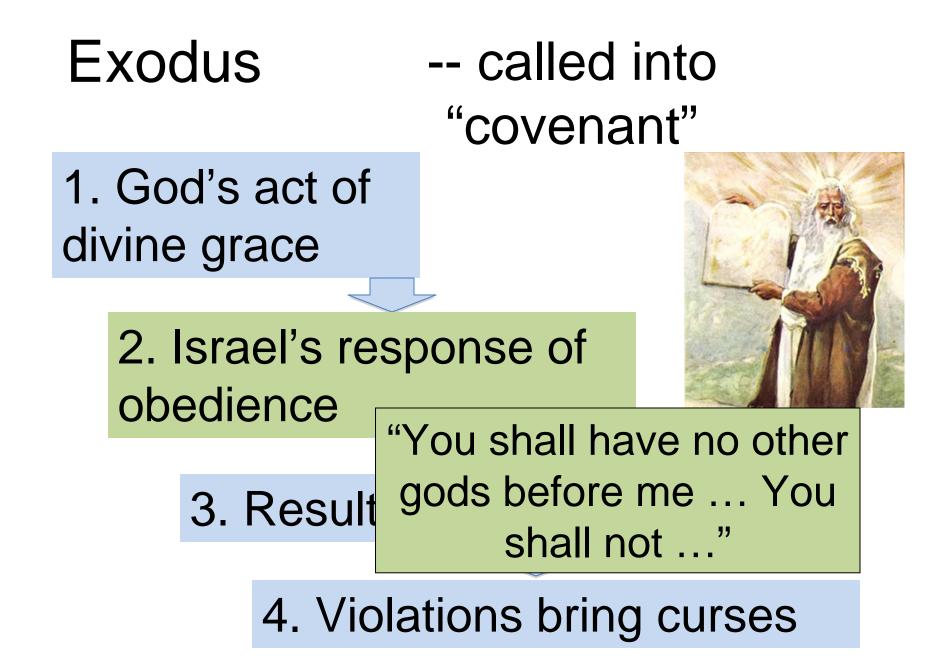


### God gives the Ten Commandments









## Exodus -- called into "covenant"

1. God's act of

"Showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments ...that your days may be long in the land" (Ex. 20:6, 12)

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## -- called into "covenant"

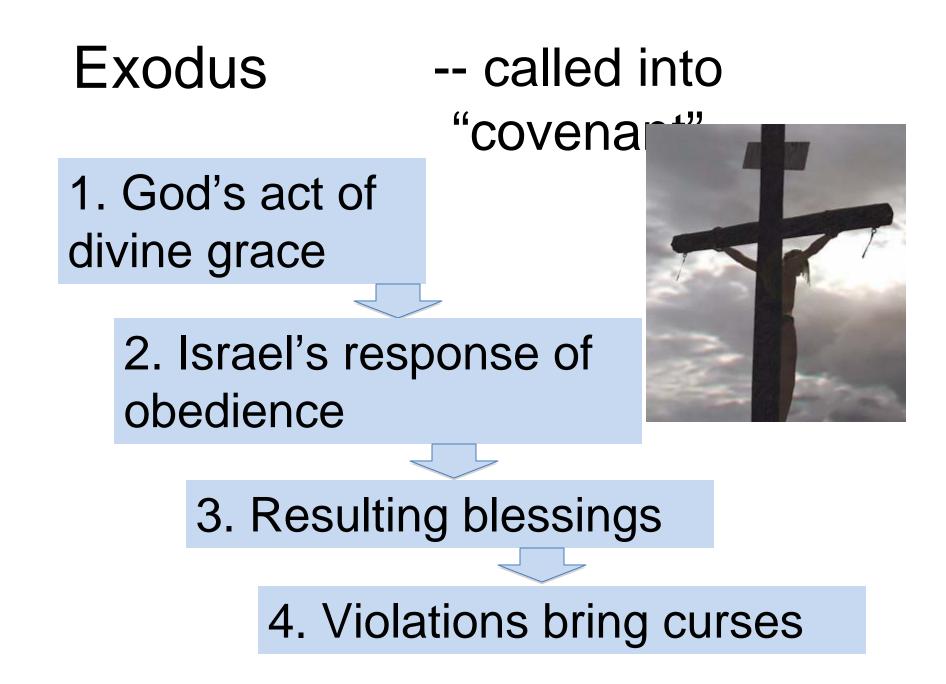
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Exodus



"I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children ... the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name..."

> (Ex. 20:5, 7) 4. Violations bring curses



### Exodus



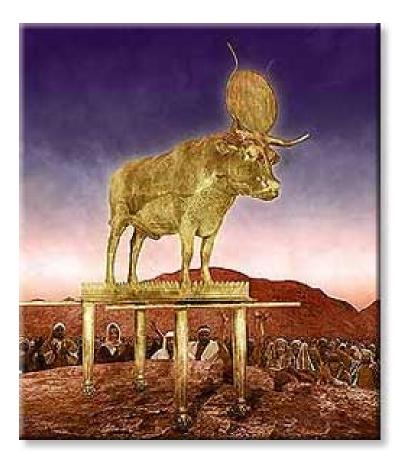
Additional moral principles (Ex. 20-23)

### Exodus



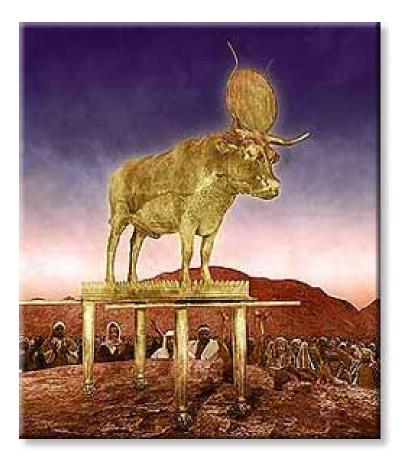
### Instructions for Worship (Ex. 25-40)

### Exodus



Disobedience and Golden Calf (Ex. 32-34)

## Leviticus and Numbers



Sacrificing Priesthood and Worship

### Deuteronomy



### Moses' commentary on the law

## By The Way

## The "Torah" did not have all of Israel's laws







## By The Way

## Similarities and differences with other legal systems

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## Some laws were compromises, others were absolute ideals

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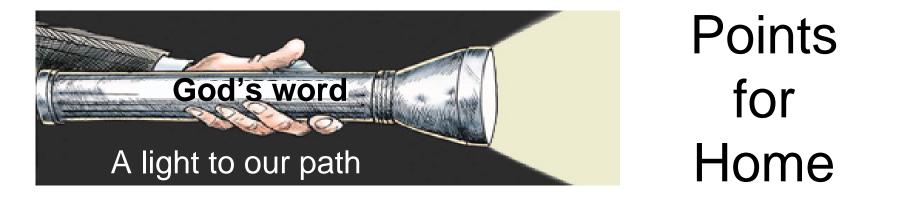




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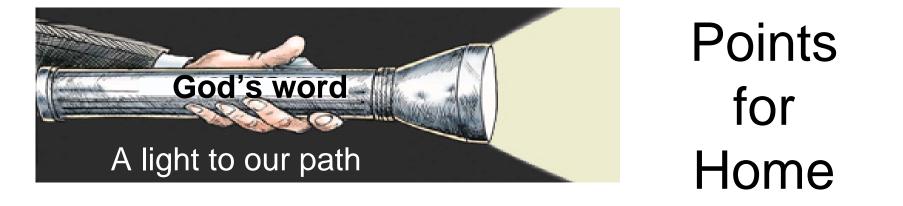
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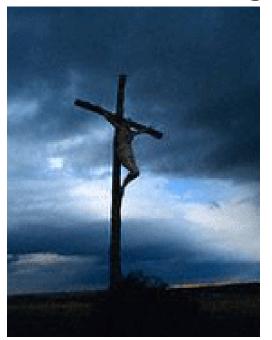


#### "Genesis... Exodus... Leviticus... Numbers... Deuteronomy"

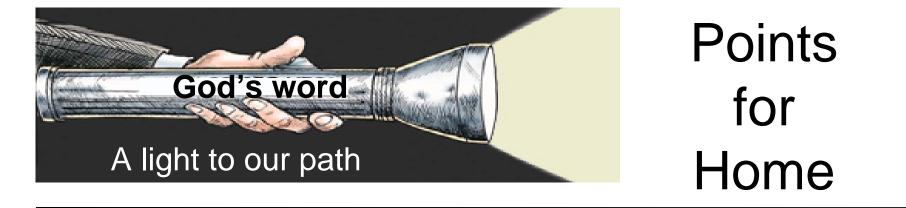
Read some of each section for next week



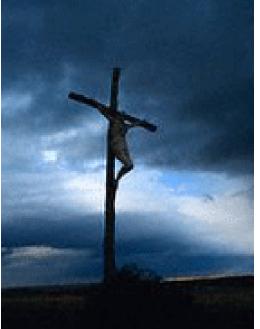
#### "The son of the free woman was born through promise" (Gal. 4:23)



God promised ... How can we still be "normal"?



#### "Does he not speak entirely for our sake" (1 Cor. 9:10)



## God uses the tools from your life, if you let him!